

Abstract

Method and Apparatus for Assessing Performance of Optical Systems

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5        An apparatus for accelerating assessment of an optical transmission  
system using Bit Error Rate (BER) tests calculates Q-factors for at least two  
different extinction ratios from measured test BER values, and extrapolates to  
determine a Q-factor for an operational extinction ratio, whereby the operational  
BER value for the operational extinction ratio can be calculated.

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